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effort by everyone involved to reach the important goal of improving the boating safety in Nebraska's lakes. I would be happy to answer any questions further, but I would also like to yield the rest of my time to Senator Hudkins.

SPEAKER BROMM:      Thank you, Senator Erdman.      You have five minutes and 40 seconds, Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS:      Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Erdman.      Part of this amendment is my bill, LB 74, can be found on page 6, and it comes from a bill that was passed unanimously by the Natural Resources Committee. The original bill talked about noises from boats and the existing statute was very vague in what those standards should be. It said that the noises should be muffled sufficiently to bring the noise level down to a reasonable level. Well, no one knew what that was. So we put in a specific number which happens to be 90 decibels. The decibell (phonetic) or decibel, however, you pronounce it, is what the human...is a numerical expression of relative loudness of a noise that the human ear hears. So what we have done is just set in a specific number and that's really all it does. So now people will know that on the lakes and the rivers what the allowable noise should be. And I would like to give my time back to Senator Erdman.

SPEAKER BROMM:      Senator Erdman, you have four minutes and twenty seconds.

SENATOR ERDMAN:      Thank you, Mr. Speaker.      Finally, I would like to yield the remainder of my time to Senator Wehrbein.

SPEAKER BROMM:      Senator Wehrbein, four minutes and ten seconds.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:      Thank you, Senator Bromm, and thank you, Senator Erdman.      My part of this is on page 2, under Section 20, middle of the page line, essentially line 10.      It does away...well, actually we took the money away from the coordinating position in our committee and so in order to allow Game and Parks to continue with this position, if they found other funding, they could do so. The position is presently vacant, and so if you'll notice on line 10, this position of